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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masashi MORIKAMI	Art Unit: 2832
Serial No.: 09/708,817	
Filed: November 8, 2000	Examiner: K. Easthom
Title: VARIABLE RESISTOR	

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a THREE-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 31, 2002, or until June 30, 2003.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$930.00 to pay the THREE-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(3).

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